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FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY FROM THE SECRETARY

YOUR TOCAH 124

HAVE READ KHRUSHCHEV REPLY VERY CAREFULLY AND FIND GREAT DIFFICULTY DISCOVERING CONCILIATORY TONE TO WHICH YOU REFER EXCEPT IN OPENING AND CLOSING PARAGRAPHS. IN EFFECT, KHRUSHCHEV HAS FROZEN UNACCEPTABLE POSITION PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED BY GROMYKO WHICH PUTS TIME LIMIT ON ANY TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT AS WELL AS ARGUING AGAINST VALIDITY POSITIONS TAKEN IN WESTERN MEMORANDUM GIVEN GROMYKO OPENING JUNE 16. UNLESS I AM MISTAKEN, GROMYKO WILL THIS AFTERNOON TRY TO USE OUR PROPOSALS AS BASIS DISCUSSION AND IN EFFECT INSIST ALL CONCESSIONS BE MADE ON OUR SIDE WITH EXCEPTION OF UNEASY TRUCE FOR TEMPORARY PERIOD.

REALIZE GREAT DIFFICULTY DISCUSSING MATTER OVER PHONE BUT BELIEVE IN CONTEXT ABOVE COULD TALK TO YOU GUARDEDLY, SO HOPE YOU WILL GIVE ME CALL AT OFFICE HERE BETWEEN 9:00 AND 10:00 A.M. YOUR TIME.

WILL COMMUNICATE TO YOU ATTITUDE MY COLLEAGUES HERE SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT HOPE NO REPLY WILL BE SENT KHRUSHCHEV UNTIL I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSSING OVER-ALL POSITION WITH BOTH PRESIDENT AND YOU.

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